GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT
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ICPS
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Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has implemented Centrally sponsored Integrated Child Protection Scheme (ICPS) for the improvement in the well being of children in different circumstances, including destitute children in the country;
(b) if so, the details thereof;
(c) the details of financial assistance provided to the States/UTs during the last three years, State/UT- wise;
(d) the number of children benefited from such scheme/ programme across the country during the said period, State/UT-wise; and
(e) the other measures taken/being taken by the Government for the welfare and rehabilitation of such children?

Answer

MINISTER OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT
(SHRIMATI MANEKA SANJAY GANDHI)

(a) & (b): The Ministry of Women and Child Development is implementing the centrally sponsored Integrated Child Protection Scheme (ICPS) for rehabilitation and reintegration of children in difficult circumstances, including destitute children in the country. Under ICPS, financial assistance is provided to State Governments/UT Administrations for both institutional care and non-institutional care services. Accordingly, grants are provided for setting up and maintenance of Homes of various types, adoption agencies as well as Open Shelters in Urban and Semi-Urban areas, wherein children are provided with services required for ensuring their well being and development such as shelter, food, education, vocational training, counseling etc.

(c): The details of financial assistance under ICPS provided to the States/UTs during the last three years, State/UT- wise is at Annexure-I.

(d): The details of such children who have benefited under ICPS during the last three years, State/UT- wise is at Annexure-II.

(e): The Ministry has been requesting the State Governments/UT Administrations from time to time to identify and register all Child Care Institutions (CCIs) under the provisions of Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015 so as to ensure that minimum standards of care can be maintained. To improve the condition of CCIs Government has enhanced financial norms under ICPS w.e.f 1st April, 2014. Some of the key features of the revised scheme are: Increased child maintenance grant from Rs. 750 to Rs. 2000 per child per month, increased financial norm for construction and maintenance of a new home for 50 children from Rs 77.61 lakh to Rs. 1.29 crore, increased financial support for a special unit of 10 children for children with special needs from Rs.4.22 lakh to Rs 10.48 lakh, flexibility in staffing pattern and enhanced cost of construction from Rs.600 per sq. ft to Rs.1000 per sq. ft or as per PWD norms, whichever is lower.

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